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SUBJ: CALL ON PMAC CHAIRMAN: THREATS TO THE

SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 18612

1. ALTHOUGH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANTI-FOREIGN
AND ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA APPEARING IN GOVERNMENT
CONTROLLED MEDIA AND THE INCREASING THREAT TO THE
SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ETHIOPIA HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH
THE FOREIGN MINISTER BY AMBASSADOR HUMMEL, AND WITH THE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR SEBASTIAN,
I SHOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOME REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT
IN MY FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN TEFERI
BANTE. THE LIKELY AND BY NOW CUSTOMARY PRESENCE OF
THE FIRST AND SECOND VICE CHAIARMEN WOULD MAKE SUCH
REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS MEETING PARTICULARLY USEFUL
IN OUR OPINION. AS PART OF THESE REMARKS I WOULD
LIKE AUTHORIZATION TO SAY THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS
SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE FAILURE OF THE EPMG TO
TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO ELIMINATE A PERSISTENT THREAT
TO THE SAFETY OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN FRONT OF THE
TEFERI MEKONNEN SCHOOL.

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2. OUR PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE MAKONNEN SCHOOL HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE. FIVE STONES WERE THROWN AT AN EMBASSY VEHICLE AT 1135 THIS MORNING AT THIS LOCATION, THE SIXTH SUCH INCIDENT SINCE DECEMBER 9. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT MINOR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE. IT APPEARS THAT NO POLICE WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME. AT 1220 I PHONED MOFA MINISTER OF STATE ARAYA AND POINTED OUT THE CONTINUED FAILURE OF POLICE TO PATROL THIS AREA. HE EXPRESSED REGRET AND PROMISED TO PURSUE MATTER VIGOROUSLY THIS AFTERNOON.

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